

# LOCAL 1-S NEWS

*for department store workers*

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## Brooklyn Gas Strikers Ask: Don't Pay Your Gas Bill!

All residents of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island have been urgently requested not to pay their gas bill until the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. agrees to provide decent wages and working conditions for the striking members of Local 101, Transport Workers Union.

The appeal was made by the 1000 TWU workers who have been on strike for several weeks, not only to help them win a decent contract, but for consumers to safeguard themselves against overcharges and safety hazards created by incompetent scabs and company supervisors.

Local 101 made clear that the scabs who have been reading the meters are only guessing at the amounts of money the consumer will have to pay. "It's your money they're guessing with," a union handbill declared. "Don't pay. An estimated bill is not a true bill!"

The danger of gas explosions was also cited by the unionists. Brooklyn Union Gas is trying to maintain service with a few hundred untrained supervisors acting as strikebreakers. Already there has been one fire in Brooklyn caused by a gas leak. Hurried fire crews brought 30 firemen and six pieces of fire fighting apparatus to the fire. The cause of the fire was an unwarranted delay in repairs by the inexperienced scabs.

All Local 1-S members are urged (1) to refuse to pay their gas bills if they live in the affected areas, and (2) to write to the Mayor, their Borough Presidents and Councilmen demanding that the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. settle the strike.

Local 1-S members will recall that TWU unionists played a conspicuous and vigorous part in the recent, citywide labor demonstration in front of Macy's to support Local 1-S demands in the negotiations. (Continued on page 3)

## \$3 Wage Increase To Be Paid Soon

Members will receive the \$3 wage increase won under the new Union contract in their pay envelopes on May 2, 3 and 4, 1961. The payment will be for the week of April 29.

The retroactive part of the wage increase, which became effective Feb. 1, 1961, will appear in the pay envelopes which are received on May 23, 24 and 25, 1961. The latter payments are for the week of May 20.

We'll bet those increases will come in pretty handy, huh?

## Macy Retrenchment On Ladies' 'Johns' At End (Almost)

When 21 people sign a grievance, you can be pretty sure something is wrong.

In this case, Macy's got the idea of closing the women's washroom in the marking areas on the 10th Floor Blyn reserve. One reasonable guess was that Macy's wanted to save a few dollars in maintenance of the washroom.

Whatever the reason, it left a reported 50 employees in the marking area stranded. One worker had to walk about two blocks, and about 90 steps up and down stairs, to reach another female washroom in the "penthouse." For all, the new facility was quite remote. Moreover, it took a good bit of time to walk back and forth.

Union Administrator Frank Milza took up the matter with Macy Labor Relations. Macy's changed its collective mind. The (Continued on page 2)

## Local 1-S Wins NLRB Order For Vote at Suburban Foods

Twenty-four salesmen who work for Suburban Foods, a sales agency for the Macy Food Plan, will have their chance to vote for Local 1-S to represent them on the job.

Behind that simple statement stands almost a year of work. It was during last Summer that these sales people, who work out of Valley Stream and Westchester offices, came to the Union. Local 1-S took on the job of organizing them, and representing them in dealing with the company.

When the company refused to extend union recognition short of an NLRB order, Local 1-S had to wage a long legal fight before the National Labor Relations Board to obtain a ruling: (1) that the salesmen were employees, in the legal sense under the law; and, (2) that the NLRB conduct a representation election to determine their collective bargaining agent.

The Union victory followed an extended series of NLRB hearings, with the salesmen and the Union on one side, and Suburban Foods on the other. These hearings

started last Summer and went on into the Fall.

The central legal question at issue was whether the salesmen were employees, under the law, or independent contractors. Suburban Foods claimed they were independent contractors, and in fact had required the salesmen to sign contracts so declaring.

After some six hearings and protracted arguments on what, legally, an employee is, the matter was referred to Washington for a final decision.

There was no question all the while that the salesmen involved considered themselves employees, and wanted Local 1-S to represent them.

Although their earnings are comparatively high, they strongly desired—like all other workers—to achieve a measure of job security, and the rights of expression in the event of problems on the job. They felt that only a union could satisfactorily adjust the job problems which arose, and that Local 1-S was that Union.

After six months, from October 1960—after six months of waiting and being in limbo, the decision finally came from Washington.

The NLRB made a two-fold ruling: (1) that the salesmen are employees, within the meaning of the law; and (2) an election was ordered to determine whether or not Local 1-S shall be the collective bargaining agent for them.

The decision affects all full-time sales people at the employer's Westchester and Valley Stream offices, and excludes part-time sales people because of the casual nature of their work.

The Union activities were conducted by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, assisted by Union Administrator Charles Boyd. The law firm of Union attorney Asher Schwartz represented the Union in the NLRB hearings.

As this issue of the Union newspaper went to press, the NLRB representation election was about to be held. The outcome of the election will be announced in the next issue.

## Local 1-S — Macy '61 Blood Bank Campaign Scheduled for Mid-May

Plans for the forthcoming 1961 Local 1-S-Macy's Blood Bank drive were outlined at a joint meeting of union and management representatives on April 13.

Organizational meetings of Executive Board members, shop stewards and Macy executives will be held on April 26 and April 28

to make plans to obtain pledges for donations of blood.

Blood will be donated, with the cooperation of the Red Cross, according to the following schedule:

Herald Square — May 16, 17, 19 and 20

Flatbush, Parkchester and White Plains — May 15

Jamaica — May 19

The Local 1-S-Macy's Blood Bank is one of the largest and most successful in the country, maintaining a high level of blood contributions over the years. As a result, Union members and company executives alike have enjoyed very liberal rights and benefits in obtaining blood for themselves and their families when needed.



**Blood Bank Drive On the Way.** At labor-management meeting to plan the upcoming blood bank drive, plans and schedules were agreed upon. Shown above are (clockwise) Cliff Sanders, Selling; Ernie Raus, Receiving; Bernard Steinberg, manager of Macy Labor Relations; executive John Aucott; Nurse Sophie Eisenberg of the Macy Medical Dept.; Antonia Maranzano, Office Division, and Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein. Union branch representatives were unable to attend this meeting because of other obligations.

## Machinists' Head Demands Policies To Aid Jobless

Machinists' Pres. A. J. Hayes has warned that a "do-nothing" policy towards the growing threat of chronic unemployment would "endanger our democratic institutions" by creating "a large mass of rootless, jobless, frustrated and disillusioned workers."

Testifying before a House Subcommittee on Unemployment & Automation, Hayes called for a "massive all-out effort" to meet the challenge of providing "every worker with an opportunity to engage in useful and productive employment."

He also warned that unless the federal government "supplements the now inadequate growth provided by the private sector of the economy, our standard of living and our national strength will inevitably decline."

Hayes charged that "because of fear of so-called government spending, we have allowed our cities to decay into slums, our rivers to degenerate into open sewers, and our resources to lie wasting."

The Machinists' leader also criticized "moonlighting" by working people as a hindrance to the jobless. This is the practice of taking a second job, thus removing employment opportunities.

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# Pharmacy Exec Gets Knuckles Rapped; Violated Contract and Macy Policy

There are times when a union can view an executive more in pity than in anger. Sometimes, it's the other way around.

A case in point is a certain Mr. Perry Zang, manager of the Pharmacy Dept.

The story begins on March 15 when six prescription clerks filed a grievance. Their complaint was that they were being assigned on a regular basis to "pricing" prescriptions; and this was not part of their job. It was the job of a pharmacist or a junior pharmacist.

Moreover, if they were asked to price prescriptions by their supervisor, on an occasional basis, they were entitled to be paid under the terms of the flexibility clause in the Union contract, which calls for higher pay for a higher rated job.

In short, Mr. Zang was violating the contract about premium pay for flexing, and circumventing the company policy that prescription clerks could not be used for pricing on a regular schedule.

As a matter of fact, a similar grievance had been filed by prescription clerks on March 1, 1960. Bernard Steinberg, Macy manager of labor relations, stated at that time that, for the future, it would be established that the junior pharmacist would be pricing and all efforts will be made to use them at the pricing window. If the need should arise, prescription clerk would be fixed to do pricing but this would not be done on a regular basis. The department was then alerted to keep a record of hours in flexing.

This avowal of company policy was simply ignored by Mr. Zang who gave typewritten instructions to the prescription clerks assigning them to regular duties of pricing. In no case did the typed schedule meet the requirements of flexibility pay under the contract.

Mr. Sullivan, the floor superintendent, recognized the justice of the grievance. Later, Labor Rela-

tions, under the prompting of Union Administrator John Tercy, agreed. As a result, an extra 10 cents an hour for the total scheduled hours was paid to all prescription clerks who were asked to work on pricing, although some clerks did not work the full schedule.

If true flexibility needs arise,

the company has made clear, pricing work will be done under the flexibility clause of the contract.

It will be interesting to see whether Mr. Zang has learned his lesson. In any case, it is apparent, that the clerks involved took action to remedy a problem, enabling the Union to set the matter right.

## Complaint Clerical Complains About Job Review; Gets \$130 in Back Pay

Helen Iwaszczuk, a complaint clerical on the 14th Floor, had a complaint of her own recently that she thought the Union ought to know about. She came down to the Union Office on April 12, and explained why she thought her Job

Review ought to be checked. She was excellent in all categories, but had been judged "good" in knowledge of the job.

First of all, she was convinced that she knew her job thoroughly. And besides there was the question of a merit increase which she had not received because of the "good" rating.

Union Administrator Mildred Kaplonski contacted Macy Labor Relations to check the review.

Upon checking she learned that the company had made some serious errors. First, the 16th Floor found out that Sister Iwaszczuk should have received a \$3.00 pay increase in September 1959, instead of December 1959. And fol-

lowing a transfer, she should have received a job review in June 1960 and did not because she was not supposed to have been on that job long enough. And as a result of that she will receive a \$2.25 increase retroactive to June 13, 1960.

Moreover, Sister Iwaszczuk has had her rating of "good" changed to "excellent" and will be placed on BJB 1, which puts her in a good position for possible promotion. And she received a very nice back-pay adjustment, adding \$130.65 to her pay envelope! Since Macy's has made similar errors in the past, it's obviously a good idea to check your individual records, salary payments, job reviews, etc.

### Macy Ending Cut-Back On 'Johns' (We Think)

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washroom, which had been closed, is now restored to use.

At about the same time all this was going on, another ladies' washroom on the 6th Floor was declared "Verboten." Here the problem was not so much inaccessibility or walking long distances, as the heavily increased traffic in the washroom on the Broadway side of the floor. Certain problems arose as a consequence and Macy's again changed its mind, and the closed washroom was opened, as before. The filing of a grievance, plus a floor-wide petition, gave the company something to think about.

However, Macy's energetic retrenchment on ladies' washrooms is not wholly at an end, not yet. A washroom which was closed on the 9th Floor is still closed, as "Local I-S News" went to press. Floor Superintendent Quigley, it is reported, has the matter under consideration.

## Companies Unfair to Labor

The following firms are unfair to organized labor and do not deserve consumer support from AFL-CIO union wage earners: O'Sullivan heels . . . Weldon pajamas . . . Carrier Air Conditioning . . . Camel, Winston, Salem, Cavalier cigarettes . . . Wings shirts . . . Henderson Textiles . . . Crown and Headlight overalls and workclothes . . . Seeburg Music Players . . . McMullen dresses . . . Proctor Electrical Appliances . . . Hickock belts . . . and in New York City:

Chock Full O'Nuts restaurants . . . Schrafft's restaurants . . . Stouffer restaurants . . . Waldorf cafeterias . . . Woolworth restaurant facilities . . . Bickford's restaurants . . . Horn and Hardart Automats and retail outlets . . . The Stork Club . . . Eastern Air Lines, Idlewild food catering, Hot Shoppes, Inc. REMINDER: The Retail Clerks asks all AFL-CIO members to remember that Sears Roebuck is still branded "Unfair." DON'T SHOP SEARS!

## Health Column

By Arthur A. Fischl, M.D.  
Medical Director, Group Health Insurance, Inc.

Anemia is a term used by doctors when they want to refer to a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin in the blood. It is a very inexact term and can cover a wide range of illness. Anemia's causes can be an improper or insufficient diet, inadequate absorption of food, loss of blood, or injury to bone marrow. Your doctor must first determine the cause of

anemia before he can decide upon a course of treatment.

Anemia due to poor food intake or poor food absorption must be approached differently from anemia due to blood loss. Anemia due to a bacterial infection or parasite must be treated in a different manner from an anemia due to disease of the bone marrow. After signs of such an illness appear, the initial step in making you well again is to determine whether an anemic condition exists.

This entails a microscopic examination of a smear of blood. Your physician or his medical technician counts the number of red blood cells in the specimen and then determines the amount of hemoglobin. (Hemoglobin is the red coloring substance in red blood cells.) If there are too few red blood cells, or if the coloring substance is too pale, then you are anemic.

Let us take a brief look at what blood is and what it does:

Blood consists of a yellow fluid called "plasma," small red blood cells, and larger white blood cells. In general the white blood cells are the scavengers. They engulf bacteria, parasites and foreign bodies, and aid in the body defense against infections.

Patients are often told by their doctors that a blood count is needed when there is a severe infection, such as acute appendicitis. The white blood count increases in response to a body stimulus to overcome the infection. The hemoglobin in the red blood cells absorbs oxygen from the air you breathe. The cell passes through the lungs and so absorbs this oxygen. If there is a marked reduction of red blood cells, there will be an accompanying diminished absorption of oxygen. When this occurs, shortness of breath results from exercise.

The degree of anemia determines the intensity of symptoms. Patients with a very mild or moderate anemia may have no symptoms. However, when the blood or hemoglobin count reaches a level of approximately 50 per cent of normal, certain symptoms begin to appear. Tiredness and shortness of breath on exertion develop. If the anemia arises rapidly, as with a hemorrhage, for example, the symptoms can develop suddenly.

When your physician studies your blood, either by blood smear or by examining your bone marrow, and when he makes a specific diagnosis of the cause and nature of your anemia, he can institute specific treatment to cure the condition. Merely treating an anemic patient, without carefully determining the nature of the anemia and the most likely cause, is poor medical practice.

The treatment of anemia by injections is not a rational approach. Injections of iron are not necessary in 99 per cent of cases of iron-deficiency anemia. In this type of anemia, iron by mouth is specific. Too often patients are given injection of vitamins such as B-12, for anemia. B-12 injections are only of value in a specific type of anemia called pernicious or primary anemia.

If you suspect that you are anemic because of shortness of breath and fatigue, visit your physician. Only he is competent to diagnose symptoms and institute the appropriate course of treatment.



**Briefing Session.** Shop stewards from every section of the Union gathered on April 12 for an intensive review of all the details of the new contract. They are shown, above, during a question-and-answer period, with Pres. Sam Kovenetsky (foreground) responding to the queries. The Local I-S president congratulated the stewards for a "wonderful job" in keeping the members informed of all developments during the course of negotiations, as well as organizing people for the meetings and demonstrations.



# Union Counselor Helps Members Get Big Compensation Awards

In every issue of the Union newspaper, there appears a reminder to members that they can obtain free counseling every Wednesday evening at the Union Office for Workmen's Compensation, for legal aid and for personal problems.

Behind that matter-of-fact "box," there are dozens of stories of Union service to 1-S'ers when they need it most. None are more important than those which center on the counseling of Adolph Gersh; because he helps members who are injured on the job to obtain their full rights and maximum benefits under the State Workmen's Compensation Law.

Adolph Gersh, who is a veteran trade unionist and counselor, is one of those men for whom trade unionism, and the value it stands for, comprise a way of life. At the same time, he is a "pro." Workmen's compensation is his specialty, and Local 1-S members who get his advice know they are getting the best.

There's one story he tells of a member, in Display, whose hand was injured at work. The man required considerable medical care; the tendons in his right hand had been severed. But at the first opportunity he came down to one of Mr. Gersh's Wednesday night sessions.

Workmen's compensation was just a phrase to this member. He had been off the job for 10 days. He had received no benefits. He didn't know whether he was entitled to compensation or not.

Mr. Gersh made it very clear, from the beginning, that since the member was injured at work, he was definitely covered by the law. And the counselor contacted the Macy insurance company so that there would be no delay in the benefits. Usually it takes about 18 or 19 days before the first W.C. checks are received.

Fortunately, the man had reported the accident to the Macy hospital almost immediately; so there was no question where the accident had taken place.

Mr. Gersh and the member made a series of appearances be-

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fore the W.C. Board to establish the 1-S member's full rights. And the injured man's hand was checked by a W.C. doctor to assess the damage to the hand.

The Board doctor wrote a medical opinion assessing the damage as a one-third disability. As a result, the unionist was entitled to a \$3,860 award.

However, Mr. Gersh decided on the basis of his experience and the facts in the case that the one-third disability was too low. He appealed the ruling, and arranged for a medical examination by a doctor who had long experience in dealing with such cases.

On the basis of the new medical evidence, the 1-S member was re-examined by two W.C. doctors. They decided that a two-thirds impairment of function had taken place, after all. And the resulting award amounted to \$7,320. The member was also reimbursed for all medical costs, amounting to about \$3,000.

It was knowing how that made the difference.

In another case, a sales woman received multiple injuries in a fall on one of the escalators. The injury was primarily to her shoulder; but, after a hearing and medical examination, the Board ruled that there was no disability, and therefore no "scheduled loss."

Since some doctors do not adequately understand the legal aspects of injuries on the job, Mr. Gersh consulted with the sales clerk's doctor who subsequently

suggested a 50 per cent disability. The case was re-opened and, after several hearings and the presentation of arguments, the Board's doctors called for a 12½ per cent disability of the right arm.

As a result the member received benefits for 39 weeks. In this case the benefit, which amounted to 2% of regular salary, was only \$27.90 a week. However, it added up to \$1,088, which was a lot better than the original denial of any claim!

In still another case, a Union member saw Mr. Gersh about a slight injury. In the course of the interview at the Union Office, the counselor learned that the Local 1-S member had suffered a more serious injury some 18 months before, and had never put in a claim. Fortunately, the law still applied, and the counselor was able to open two claims for the man at the same time!

"Too often, members do not put in claims for injuries suffered while at work," Mr. Gersh points out. He stresses that, legally, notice of injury must be given to the employer (supervisor or other person) within 30 days, and a claim must be filed within two years.

However, the best thing is to notify the Macy hospital as soon as possible, refuse to sign any papers, and contact the Union and the Union counselor at the first opportunity.

## A Correction

Due to a typographical error, an incorrect date was cited in connection with a paragraph explaining the Saturday Only automatic wage progressions under the new contract.

The paragraph should have read:

Saturday Only automatic progressions are accelerated so that they come after 8 and 14 months.

Effective Feb. 1, 1961, the 8-month rate shall be \$1.32½ an hour; the 14-month rate shall be \$1.40. Effective Feb. 1, 1962, the 8-month rate shall be \$1.37½, and the 14-month rate shall be \$1.45.

# Letters to the Editor

I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful job you have done to avert a strike and also for all the additional benefits we will receive as a result of your earnest and untiring efforts.

A Grateful Member,  
HANNAH SINGER  
F 3-50

I would like to extend my personal congratulations and thanks to the Negotiating Committee and all those concerned with bringing about a peaceful settlement to attain a new contract with Macy's. Everyone did a terrific job, and I am very pleased with the results. They must have worked very hard, and I appreciate it very much.

Local 1-S has come a long way. I was one of your original members (joined in 1942) and I remember Local 1-S as an "infant." Now, I can truthfully say it has grown into a wise intelligent "adult."

Your efforts have made great progress and it must be very satisfying to see the change at Macy's in the past 20 years.

Please convey my kindest regards and thanks to all concerned. I am proud to be a member of Local 1-S.

BERRY SPAGNOLA  
289-929X

On behalf of our basement membership, we wish to thank our Union leadership, Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson, and the entire Negotiating Committee for a job well done.

SARA WARREN  
151-70

I want to say thank you for the nice settlement we received through you and Local 1-S. Also thanks to all the Negotiation Committee for a fine job, well done. Sure thought we were going to "hit the bricks," but thanks to you we didn't have to.

God bless you and keep you always.

L. YOUNG  
C 3908

Please find enclosed check for my dear wife dues. At this opportunity I want to convey a message of thanks to you. The gift sent by the Social Services Committee has done a lot to spiritually lift my wife's morale. The thought behind it conveys to us the true meaning of fraternalism and togetherness. When a person is sick,

as my wife is at the present moment, recovering from a very serious operation, an expression such as yours means more than ever you can realize.

How fortunate can a person really be, to be able to belong to such an organization as yours. I wonder if all your members realize. I know, little did we when this misfortune struck. Now I will shout it from the highest roof top to the lowest place. God Bless the Union and every one affiliated with it and may you have good health and long life, to be able to continue your wonderful work.

SIDNEY RUBIN FOR  
ANNA RUBIN  
124-53

I wish to say thanks to Local 1-S and the Health Consultant for their cooperation and the benefits received through our Health Plan during my illness. Thanks to the Social Services Committee for the lovely gift and card, and to my co-workers and friends at Macy's for the get-well cards, good wishes, phone calls and plants which I received at home and in the hospital. It was nice being remembered. I am feeling much better now and on the road back to recovery.

ANN KILCULLEN  
F 3-03

Please accept my thanks for the fine surgical and hospital insurance provided through your organization. It was a God Send during my husband's recent illness. Thanks again and I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to help the Macy workers.

BERTHA MCGANN

Many thanks for your card of well wishes and gift sent to me during my hospital stay. It makes one feel that one belongs and is not alone. Truly, this is a wonderful and considerate organization, of which I am proud to be a member.

Jos. M. GOULD  
48-922X

It was a pleasant surprise to receive your gift. It made me especially happy at a time like this. I also want to let you know the happiness you brought my husband at Christmas when he received the wallet.

May God bless you all for your kindness.

ADELINA MARTUCCI

# Brazilians Briefed on U.S. Unionism



Local 1-S has again been happy to act as host and mentor to a group of foreign trade unionists. Recently, six Brazilian commercial and retail workers visited Union headquarters for a briefing on the workings of our Union. The visit was part of the labor training program conducted in this country by the U. S. Labor Department and the International Cooperation Administration.

The group, pictured above, heard a detailed, intensive review of virtually the entire operation

of Local 1-S, including the structure of committees, the history of Local 1-S—Macy's negotiations and the existing contract.

Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein briefed the Latin-American unionists who asked many questions through their interpreter, relating to the day-to-day activities of Local 1-S in representing the interests of union members. They later expressed appreciation for what they described as one of the most valuable briefings during their stay in this country.

Vice Pres. Hoffstein commented, in turn, that he and other American trade unionists could learn from the Brazilian labor delegation, as well as from others. He noted that Brazilian working people had certain benefits which had not yet been achieved in the U. S., such as their system of permanent unemployment compensation.

The visitors included salesmen, a clerk, office employees and technicians, all of whom hold office in their respective unions in Brazil.

# 1-S Members in Flatbush Aid Brooklyn Gas Strikers

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Local 1-S members in Flatbush, where the Macy branch is a few blocks away from Brooklyn Gas, have been doing a fine job to aid the Local 101 strikers.

On lunch hours, increasingly large groups have been joining the TWU unionists on the picket line, displaying some of that good, oldtime union spirit that was

shown in our behalf at the labor demonstration.

The Flatbush 1-S'ers have also been raising money for their friends and neighbors on the picketline, and everybody, but everybody has been pitching in.

Dotty Lichtenstein, Flatbush chairman, has been sparking these efforts, assisted by Pat Anastasia, Al Perrone and Marge Campbell.

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# Labor Spotlights Congress Foes Of Wage, Anti-Recession Bills

Organized labor is turning the spotlight of public opinion directly on members of Congress who have voted against liberal legislation designed to stem the recession and stimulate economic growth.

In a "grass roots" legislative campaign, local and international unions are pinpointing anti-liberal votes by congressmen in their home districts—and are employing labor's traditional techniques of the picket line, placards and sound trucks to do the job.

In particular, unions are focusing attention on minimum wage legislation and the recent extension of unemployment compensation benefits—key measures in the Administration anti-recession program backed by the AFL-CIO.

The aim of these activities is two-fold:

- To stimulate letters urging passage of important measures before Congress.

- To fix firmly in voters' minds, well in advance of the 1962 elections, the opposition of individual congressmen to these bills.

Here are typical examples of how labor has gone about this task.

**HUDSON, N. Y.:** A station wagon equipped with boldly painted signs and a loudspeaker is touring Columbia County to inform the voters that Rep. J. Ernest Wharton (R-N.Y.) had voted against temporary extension of jobless pay for the long-term unemployed.

The project, launched by the AFL-CIO Upper Hudson Area Central Labor Council, is aimed at putting the sound truck into every community in the 29th Dis-

trict, which Wharton represents. It will particularly be put outside of unemployment compensation offices to acquaint the jobless with his vote.

The signs declare pointedly that of New York State's 43 Republicans and Democrats in Congress, only four representatives—including Wharton—opposed the extension.

**ATLANTA, Ga.:** Several hundred union members, representing locals of 15 international unions and the state and local central bodies, picketed to protest the vote of Rep. James C. Davis (D-Ga.) against the President's \$1.25 minimum wage measure.

Pickets marched in front of the Dinkler Plaza Hotel where the 5th District congressman addressed a Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Placards carried by the union members labeled the congressman "Minimum Jim" and "Low Wage Davis." One in costume carried a sign reading "Don't Monkey with the \$1.25." A union spokesman said this was a pointed reference to the fact that in the recent election several hundred write-in votes were cast for a monkey named "Willie B" — Davis' only opponent.

**AKRON, O.:** The Rubber Workers — with international headquarters here and a heavy concentration of members in the 14th Congressional District — has launched a frontal attack on Rep. William H. Ayres (R-O.) for his stand on minimum wage legislation.

Ayres, one of the leaders of the Dixie-G.O.P. coalition in the

House, was co-author with Rep. A. Paul Kitchin (D-N.C.) of a weak wage-hour substitute which the House voted after rejecting, by a one-vote margin, an Administration-backed compromise.

Local I-S, for its own part, has continually alerted members on the need to remind congressmen that workers must have work, at a decent wage, as a matter of public policy.

In November, "Local I-S News" warned that the big retail federation had completed plans, at that time, to fight minimum wage bills. A letter, reprinted in "BNA Retail Labor Reports," alerted congressmen. A full page spread on writing letters was printed a month ago. And there have been continual reminders.

As "Local I-S News" went to press, the U.S. Senate had just passed the Administration bill for a \$1.25 minimum wage over two-and-a-half years, plus new coverage of 4,000,000 retail workers. The House had passed a much weaker bill.

A Senate-House conference was slated to work out a compromise.

Did you write your letter about passing a decent minimum wage bill?

## Jamaica News

**Flash! Stork News:** Maude "Van" Bower proudly and loudly announcing the birth of her T-H-I-R-T-E-E-N-T-H grandchild (is she the champ? Let us know, gals). Edna Dowd, very much in the running, now announces the arrival of number eight. First timer Jean Morris, mighty proud and happy with her granddaughter and Jerry Quarles (in razors) says "That Bird" is "Staking out" his home as we go to press.

**Hap Hap Happy Talk:** Eleanor Clade's and Lou Watkins' husbands are out of the hospital and recuperating. Birdie Williams, our matron, back after six weeks sick leave.

**Celebrity Corner:** Our Margie Burns spent two days in Washington, and, friendly person that she is, permitted Congressman Lindsey and Ryan to pose with her for a picture!

**At the Copa:** Copacabana Night Club playing host to Nurse Kotch, Judy Hindman, Sally Bresee, Vi Weedom, Betty Halcrow and Peggy Christy.

**Can Summer Be Far Behind:** Some of the J-19 girls were dinner guests of the air conditioning people.

**Mission of Mercy:** Jean Bischoff rushed off to Seattle, Wash. to care for her grandchildren and the new baby when her daughter-in-law had a set back after the baby's birth.

**Hospital Bulletins:** Hazel Veit (Candy) in Evangelical Hospital Brooklyn, and Jerry Borts (corset fitter) in New York Hospital. Both had operations. Up and at 'em, gals, and come on back!

**You Remembered:** For the many many lovely cards she received during her long illness—Lillian LeVon says thanks to all for remembering.

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## PERSONALS

**FOR SALE**—Grey coach baby carriage with mattress. Good condition. \$15. Call IN 9-3913 evenings.

**FOR SALE**—Dinette set. Four chairs and table with extra leaf. Also breakfast to match. Charcoal grey formica, with wrought iron legs. Chairs are white with grey leatherette. Breakfast is 30" x 60". Excellent condition, like new. \$9. Call GE 5-1578.

**FOR SALE**—Modern raspberry living room couch. Matelasse foam cushions. Excellent condition. Very reasonable. Call UL 3-0561.

**WANTED**—3-room unfurnished apartment in Manhattan or West Bronx. Up to \$125. Occupancy September or October. Call LU 4-1703 anytime.

**FOR SALE**—Completely detached, 7-room house. One family. One block from Buhre Avenue station in Bronx. Newly re-shingled, finished basement, enclosed front porch, one-car garage. Call TA 9-5161.

**APARTMENT TO SHARE**—Will share 3-room elevator apartment in nice neighborhood. Located in upper Manhattan near 7th and 8th Ave. subways. Middle age business person. Call WI 2-0043 any night except Monday.

**FOR SALE**—¾ ton airconditioner in perfect condition. Also custom built couch with slipcover. Call IL 8-8026 evenings.

**FOR SALE**—Boy's 20" Stelber bicycle, with training wheels. Excellent condition. \$18. Call EV 7-3826 evenings after 7:00 P.M.

**FOR SALE**—English Mobo Bronco. Practically new. \$18. Call EV 7-3826 evenings after 7:00 P.M.

**LOST**—In Parkchester, a filigree, "grandmother" charm bracelet, with head of little girl. Engraved "Diane, 9/4/52." Of considerable sentimental value. Please return to Mary Marin, Men's Jewelry Dept., Parkchester.

## HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave), or if you leave the store and wish to continue the Health Plan, you are covered only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days (without coverage) in which to arrange for your direct payments. YOU MUST see or call the Local I-S Health Consultant at the Union office.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital or has medical care covered by the Health Plan, you MUST call on the Union office for a claim form for your doctor immediately. Forms must be filled out and returned to the Union office as soon as possible.

**MEDICAL PLAN**—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day) when the Union Office is closed. Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

Full information on benefits and regulations can be obtained from the health plan consultant at the union. Members are also asked to remind their doctors that all claim forms must be returned to the Local I-S office.

**BLOOD BANK**—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

## Martin T. Lacey Scholarship Open to June H.S. Graduates

The N. Y. C. Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO has announced the competition for the Martin T. Lacey Scholarship in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

One \$3,000 Scholarship will be available to an undergraduate student for the academic year beginning September 1961. The scholarship consists of an award of \$750 for an academic year and may be renewed each year to the completion of the bachelor's degree, if the holder remains in good academic standing. The scholarship is open only to June 1961 High School graduates.

The Martin T. Lacey Scholarship is open to sons and daughters of any member of any union affiliated with the N. Y. C. Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, who meet in full the admission requirements of Cornell University and

the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

The determination of the award will be made by the School on the basis of the candidate's qualifications and without regard for race, color, creed or national origin.

The coupon below may be used to obtain application forms from the college.

It is urged that all applications be sent in no later than May 15, 1961. Upon receipt of the application card, application forms will be sent with the necessary application material. The application material must be completed and returned to the OFFICE OF RESIDENT INSTRUCTION, NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1, 1961. Applications received after June 1, 1961 will not be considered.

### Office of Resident Instruction

New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations  
Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send me the application forms for the Martin T. Lacey Scholarship in the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University.

My Name .....

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Address of High School .....

My Father (My Mother) whose name is .....

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